News release

Met Office warns of gales and heavy rain

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The return to mild weather across the UK has brought gales and heavy rain for many areas. Wales, western Scotland and south-west England now look set to bear the brunt, as further weather systems bring spells of strong wind and heavy rain through this week.

Western hills will see the highest rainfall totals, with as much as 100mm in places, but even low-lying areas further east will be very wet at times.

Keith Groves, Head of Forecasting at the Met Office, said: "The dramatic change from cold, icy conditions last week to unsettled, wet and windy weather is fairly typical for the UK. However, we still need to prepare for events and reduce the potential damage that can be caused."

The risk of localised flooding will increase in prone areas and the Met Office is working closely with the Environment Agency to keep authorities, businesses and the public aware of what is happening.

Notes:

The Floodline number is 0845 988 1188

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